

2014/2015 Computation Quota Share (QS) and Processor Quote Share (PQS) Pools

A computation quota pool for a fishery is the sum of all quota units issued for that fishery that is used for IFQ/IPQ computations. To determine the annual awards of IFQ and IPQ to Quota holders and cooperatives, on the day of computation NMFS will use (a) the quota pools as of that date, (b) each persons quota holdings and co-op and affiliation information, and (c) the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) established by the State of Alaska. The basic IFQ/IPQ computation formula unadjusted for affiliation or other limitations is: $QS/PQS \text{ holdings} / \text{Quota Share Pool} * TAC = \text{pounds to Quota holder}$. Once it is issued in IFQ/IPQ computations, a QS or PQS pool does not change for that crab fishing year. Ratios are shown to 4 decimals although computations use additional decimals.

Please note that while any data challenges and appeals remain unresolved, initial issuance of quota cannot be entirely completed. Initial issuance of Quota that is delayed until after an annual computation date will only affect future year IFQ/IPQ issuance.

Computation Quota Share Pools

Crab QS Fishery	QS Pool for LLP Holders QS units)	QS Pool for Captains/Crew (QS units)	QS Pool for all Harvester QS Units (Holders + Crew)	Final Ratio QS units/IFQ pound
BBR - Bristol Bay red king crab	387,828,995	12,000,335	399,829,330	44.4878
BSS - Bering Sea snow crab (<i>C. opilio</i>)	970,675,714	30,200,191	1,000,875,905	16.3662
EBT - Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab (<i>C. bairdi</i>)	194,308,390	5,848,302	200,156,692	26.226
WBT - Western Bering Sea Tanner crab (<i>C. bairdi</i>)	194,308,390	5,787,697	200,096,087	33.5591
PIK - Pribilof Islands red/blue king crab	*	*	*	*
SMB - St. Matthew blue king crab	29,008,038	867,016	29,875,054	50.6786
EAG - Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab	9,700,156	299,989	10,000,145	3.3569
WAG - Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab	38,800,000	1,200,058	40,000,058	14.9143
WAI - Western Aleutian Islands red king crab	*	*	*	*

Notes to Table:

- Initial Quota Pools used for QS eligibility determinations are in Table 8 to 50 CFR Part 680.
- Annual quota pools shown above differ from the Initial Quota Pools in regulations or from prior year computation pools due to: rounding, decreased initial issuance as a result of regulatory caps, delayed initial issuance for successful appeals, sanctions and revocations, when QS/PQS exceeds a person's use cap or QS/PQS is being "converted" under Amendment 25, when issuance is conditional on TAC levels, for late or missing annual applications, or for other administrative reasons.
- Starting with the 2006/2007 crab fishing year, the Bering Sea bairdi Tanner crab fishery is managed as two fisheries, Western Bering Sea Tanner (WBT) and Eastern Bering Sea Tanner (EBT).
- '*' in the table means the TAC has not yet been announced by the State of Alaska or the fishery is not open, therefore, pools cannot be computed at this time.

Processor Quota Share Pools

Crab PQS Fishery		PQS Pool (PQS units)	Final Ratio PQS units/IPQ
BBR - Bristol Bay red king crab	North Region	10,277,851	53.6559
BBR - Bristol Bay red king crab	South Region	391,738,431	53.2769
BSS - Bering Sea snow crab (C. opilio)	North Region	470,734,143	20.7394
BSS - Bering Sea snow crab (C. opilio)	South Region	531,402,356	20.5903
EBT - Eastern Bearing Sea Tanner crab (C. bairdi)		199,205,361	32.0287
WBT - Western Bearing Sea Tanner crab (C. bairdi)		199,205,361	40.9844
PIK - Pribilof Islands red/blue king crab	North Region	*	*
PIK - Pribilof Islands red/blue king crab	South Region	*	*
SMB - St. Matthew blue king crab	North Region	23,503,915	59.5529
SMB - St. Matthew blue king crab	South Region	6,496,083	58.9506
EAG - Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab	South Region	10,122,984	4.0903
WAG - Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab	Undesignated Region	20,010,992	31.8166
WAG - Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab	West Region	20,010,124	31.7552
WAI - Western Aleutian Islands red king crab	South Region	*	*

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- Initial Quota Pools used for PQS eligibility determinations are in Table 9 to 50 CFR Part 680.
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- By direction of Congress, in 2006 NOAA Fisheries issued to one program participant "conditional" PQS units for BBR and BSS fisheries. This PQS will only be part of a pool and result in annual IPQ in years when the TAC exceeds specific amounts.
- For "regionalized" fisheries, computing accurate, matching amounts of Class A CVO IFQ and IPQ within each region required using separately computed regional ratios of PQS:IPQ. The resulting IPQ fishery caps for the fishery year are the greater number of IPQ pounds derived from either the North or South (or, for WAG, West or Undesignated) PQS:IPQ ratio applied to the number of PQS units in the PQS Use Cap.